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Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to extend the time for submission of a response to the Official Action, mailed June 3, 2004. Accordingly, a one (1) month extension of time to file the Response is requested extending the time for response from September 3, 2004, to October 3, 2004.

The Commissioner for Patents is authorized to charge the amount of the petition fee, namely \$55, and charge any additional fees required, in connection with this Petition to Deposit Account No. 04-1679.

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